

OUR GREAT SCHOOL INTERESTS.

Proceedings of the Board of Public Instruction for Marion County.

[OFFICIAL.]

OCALA, FLA., Feb. 4, 1901.

The board of public instruction in and for Marion county met Feb. 4th in regular session with the following members present: G. S. Scott, chairman, B. R. Bitch and B. I. Hull.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Mr. R. E. McMahon, of Candler, asking the board to investigate the suspension of his children from school, claiming that his children have been imposed upon and mistreated by the teacher, from prejudice. It was ordered that the superintendent notify Mr. McMahon that inasmuch as the school is to run only two weeks longer that the board could do no good by an investigation now, but would look into the matter before the appointment of teachers another year.

Objections being made to the calling of the election of the Oak Hill school district for the purpose of creating a special tax school district, the matter was deferred until the first Monday in March.

The bond of C. C. Rawls, J. B. George and I. T. Mixson in the sum of \$300, as trustees of the Fantville special tax school district, with I. N. Rawls and V. Fant as sureties, were examined, found satisfactory and approved. Also the bond of W. S. Bullock, J. M. Barco and C. E. Bittinger, as trustees of the Ocala special tax school district, in the sum of \$2000, with S. R. Pyles and F. L. Watson as sureties, were examined and approved.

A communication from the trustees of the Fantville special district asked that their school be allowed to run one month longer and the same be paid for from the special district. On account of the prospect of the average of the school not keeping up, the request was refused.

The superintendent read a communication from Mr. W. N. Sheats, asking for cuts and descriptions of several of the best schools of the county to be put in his biennial report to the legislature. On motion \$10 was appropriated to have cuts made if the schools would furnish the pictures, and the secretary was authorized to furnish the state superintendent with cuts and accounts of four or five of the best schools of the county.

It was ordered that inasmuch as the Ocala Banner had the publication of the financial statement of the board for the year 1899 and the Ocala Star had the publication for the year 1900, that for the year 1901 the publication of the financial statements be given to the Ocala Banner and for the year 1902 it be given to the Ocala Star.

The secretary was instructed to see which paper would publish all notices of special tax school districts the lowest, and to give such notices to the paper with which he can make the best terms.

Messrs. Munroe and Chambliss notified the board that they held a warrant against the board for \$3500, which was now due, and asked the board to renew the warrant. The same was ordered renewed and a warrant was ordered drawn for the interest.

The treasurer's report was examined, found correct and approved as follows:

Total receipts for January . . \$112.74
Disbursed during January . . 112.33

Balance in treasury41

Reports and accounts amounting to \$5135.82 were examined, found correct and ordered paid by warrants on the county treasurer.

There being no further business the board adjourned to meet the first Monday in March.

W. D. CARR, Secretary.

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THE STORY OF
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[Continued from last week]

CHAPTER XII.

LOVE.

The conversation between the duke and Colette upon the arrival of the Austrian chancellor was not a ruse to divert suspicion. They were both too high minded to descend to such a subterfuge. The young girl, who had met with such a reverse, instead of yielding to despair, forgot her own troubles in consoling her companion. The duke, whom she had hoped to call emperor and whom she loved, had lost all, and she resolved that she would heal his wounds with her love.

Without raising his head the duke offered her his arm, and, passing the group of officers who had come to surprise them, they quitted the ruin in which had failed their project to overturn the world.

The moon had descended almost to the horizon, and in this solitude, embalm by the perfume of flowers, the two young people moved as in a dream. The duke, his arm about the waist of Colette, supported her upon the mossy carpet. A tree fallen across the road furnished them a seat. With eye to eye and hand in hand, trembling, they sat down, but they did not speak. Their hearts were full, and without words each knew what the other would say. The duke was the first to recover his self possession.

"My dream," he said, "is over. Unhappy fortune has declared herself my enemy. In a short time I must put on the odious yoke which I had hoped to cast off. Oh, my father, if you could see me, how you would suffer! The throne intended for me will continue in the possession of another. My grief is so great that I fear even to weep."

And, broken hearted, the duke laid his head on Colette's bosom and sobbed.

The young girl took his hand in hers and gave it a chaste kiss.

"Dear duke," she said, "your sorrow grieves me, and your tears are pitiable to see. I would give my heart's blood for you. Your throne is lost, but Colette remains—Colette, who loves you so much that she will make you forget your misfortune, and some day, consoled, you will remember this period and laugh at your tears and wonder that a purple ribbon was worth weeping for. In beautiful Italy we will spend happy days, and when winter comes in the bay of Naples we will listen to the singing of the boatmen. We will grow old together, and when our heads are snowy white we will go to dwell with God and continue our dream of love commenced here."

The duke, consoled, listened, smiling, to the sweet song till the birds welcoming the sun warned them that it was time to depart.

Reichstadt and Colette returned quietly to the Chateau de Schonbrunn as if nothing special had happened and resumed the monotonous existence to which they were condemned. This was not so with Metternich. The chancellor, after having discovered that he had been fooled, returned to the palace in a state of indescribable irritation. He had been compelled to accept the explanations of Reichstadt and Colette. He had been the dupe of two children. He who had for years been master of the game played on the European checkerboard had been tricked like a countryman in a play. At the moment when he was about to put his hand on these accursed Frenchmen they had disappeared.

And this stupid spy, puffed up with vanity, sure of success, ready to claim his reward, must make a pitiful failure. Doubtless he would not return, fearful of being punished, and would go to play the same game in some other place. It had been a terrible check to this man, before whom every one must bow down. And the duke—should he leave him to come and go over the vast domain of Schonbrunn, the chancellor shutting his eyes to his desire for independence, although he had never ceased in his surveillance? This indulgence had proved to be unwise. If he had fixed his residence in a cell at Spielberg instead of in apartments open to all comers, how much more prudent it would have been! But to make the duke a prisoner of state was dangerous. Europe, which breathed again the joy of peace, would not listen to a restoration which would end all its blessings, but, on the other hand, would demand a rigorous account of the shedding of innocent blood.

He would think it over.

Meanwhile, wishing to expend his ill humor on some one, he sent for Silvere. The soldier, after having placed his two companions in safety, hastened to his cottage, resolved to bravely breast the storm. Fearless, with a conscience that did not reproach him, he hastened to obey the orders of the prince. On seeing him enter, Metternich, who was striding back and forth in his cabinet in a fury which had continued already too long, crossing his arms, gave Silvere a look which would have made any one else tremble, but did not intimidate the old soldier, and said to him harshly:

"Perhaps you wonder why I have sent for you?"

Without losing his equanimity Silvere answered:

"If your excellency has any charge against me, I will listen to it respectfully, but as an accused person I would ask to be permitted to make an appeal in my defense."

"You talk too much," replied the prince violently. "Your presence here has been too long tolerated. Tomorrow you depart."

"Will you send me away?"

"Yes," replied Metternich, "and my only regret is that you were ever permitted to enter the chateau. If my august master, the emperor, had deferred to my advice, you would have gone long ago, but his majesty, fearing to displease his grandson, hesitated to adopt a measure which I thought necessary. I propose that you shall leave today. I am going to the emperor and think I shall have little trouble in securing his consent to your departure."

"Ah, monseigneur," cried Silvere, "you will not do that! Do you wish to kill my master by taking from him the old servant who has never quitted him? You would kill me also. I could not live separated from him. If you drive me away, it is because I am a watchful sentinel, a witness to your sinister designs. Listen to what I am about to say to you. A gain upon the streets of Paris, I was ignorant of caresses. I never received a kiss. I was brought up by charity and never had enough food to appease the hunger which tantalized me. Often in the night I went out to hunt food with the dogs in the gutter. I had no name. I called myself Silvere. One day I became a soldier and, forgetting my troubles, did my duty, giving and taking many wounds. One day in battle the emperor, passing, called me from the ranks, gave me his hand and pinned upon my breast the badge of honor. From this



MAUDE ADAMS IN "L'AIGLON."

hour I became a new man, and I swore to die for my emperor. God would not permit that, but has given it me instead to protect the son. I have sworn never to leave him. This is all I have to say to you."

Metternich made a sign, and Silvere departed.

Had he gained his cause?

CHAPTER XIII.
WITH THE EMPEROR.

His majesty the emperor had just returned from hearing mass in the private chapel and was about to walk, as was his daily custom, in the park when, to his surprise, the confidential valet attached to his august person announced that the chancellor of the empire was in the antechamber and desired an audience. Puzzled to receive such a request at such an hour and suspecting that some important matter of state was to be discussed, he ordered that the minister be admitted at once. The chancellor hastened to enter, still bearing on his face the ire which had agitated him. It did not escape the notice of the emperor.

After Silvere's departure Metternich had fallen into one of those reveries from which he always emerged armed with resolution to overcome all obstacles. He had listened coldly to the protest of the old soldier. In his long career he had thrust aside human feeling with supreme indifference and regarded only what would assist him in his projects.

Yet there was one passion he might use—love. The duke loved. The chancellor had not failed to notice his attachment to the adopted daughter of Silvere. Animated by this passion, might he not regain the energy necessary to still burst his shackles? To turn away Silvere, to forbid Colette to enter the park and the chateau, he would only arouse the anger of the duke, who might be incited to some of those desperate remedies of persons crossed in love. What would be the use of this?

But to bring her to the chateau, where Reichstadt would meet her daily, it would be necessary to attach her to the person of the archduchess residing in the palace, and this would

require the consent of the sovereign. This is why the chancellor had demanded an audience with the emperor. The latter, wishing to put an end to the perplexity which the presence of the prince had occasioned, commenced the interview.

"Your excellency must have some grave matter on hand to come here without having been summoned. Does some danger threaten the monarchy? Is some new complication about to put an end to the peace which we have had so much trouble to establish?"

"Sire," replied Metternich, "you are aware of the difficulties that I and the allies have had in imposing this peace. The death of Bonaparte had rendered my task less difficult. Europe breathed freely. The wars of the past had left but confused memories. Little by little these were passing away. Everything went well until yesterday, when one of those unexpected events happened which have almost overturned our work."

"A young man, a child, was the cause of it all. But I was watching him. Unknown to him, my surveillance followed him step by step. I knew each hour what he did, and when the critical moment came I stretched forth my hand, and the plot vanished. But who knows if another time I shall be so fortunate?"

[Continued next week]

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